

# CITY OF FRANKLIN PARKS THE CITY INSIDER—FALL! FUN in Every Season!

We've had a busy summer, and Fall has begun! See what the City of Franklin Parks Department has on the calendar and check out what we've been up to all summer!

## Farm Fun this November!

### FAMILY DAY



**Saturday, November 10th; 10am—2pm**

**The Park at Harlinsdale Farm**

Bring the whole family out for our annual Family Day Celebration! Enjoy food, fun, and games, including a petting zoo, train rides, a milking cow, hay rides and musical entertainment! Food and drinks will be available for a nominal cost.

## United Way 5k Fun Run



**Saturday, Nov 10th, 2012**

**The Park at Harlinsdale Farm 239 Franklin Road**

**7:30am registration**

**8:00 am 5k Cross Country Fun Run**

**8:15am 5k Cross Country Dog Dash**

**8:30 am 3k Walk and K-9 Kruiise**



# Register Now!

For more information and to download the Registration Form go to  
[www.franklintn.gov/parks](http://www.franklintn.gov/parks) or call 615 794-2103.



# What's New?

During the week of September 17<sup>th</sup> Parks Department staff, Paige Cruse, Chris Edwards, Kevin Lindsey, Tim Napier, Deanna Scheffel and Anna Shuford attended the annual Tennessee Recreation and Parks Association Conference. Team members attended educational session and off-site field maintenance training. During the conference the Parks Department was awarded a *Four Star Award for Excellence in Parks and Recreation* for their *Franklin Historic Parks Cell Phone Tour* program project.

Pictured is TRPA President Bonnie Gamble presenting award to City of Franklin Parks Deanna Scheffel.



## Franklin Historic Parks Audio Cell Phone Tour

The City of Franklin Parks Department and the Battlefield Preservation Commission have teamed up to create a new audio cell phone tour! This self-guided tour stops at all of our historic parks, and users simply call a phone number, enter their stop number, and listen. The tour can be called in



from any location, and is also available in Spanish. Check out the brochure on our Parks website to see what stops are included!

## The Nutro Company

We are pleased to announce that The Nutro Company is now the official corporate sponsor of the City of Franklin Dog Parks!



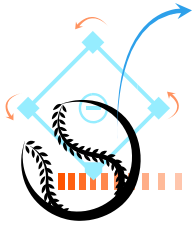
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## Parks Connection: New Parks TV Show

Check out the new City of Franklin Parks department's new TV show, *Parks Connection*, broadcasting soon on your local Franklin Government TV channel! Tune in for everything Parks, including information about our park system, Athletics, renting a facility, upcoming events, and more! Tell us what you would like to know about our Parks at [parksinfo@franklinton.gov](mailto:parksinfo@franklinton.gov).







# **THE SCORECARD**

## Notes from Athletics



### **NEW ATHLETIC CREW CHIEF HIRED**



*Kevin Lewis, Athletic Crew Chief*

The City of Franklin Parks Department is pleased to announce that Kevin Lewis has been hired as Athletic Crew Chief, a new position in the Parks Athletics Division.

Kevin has been with Franklin Parks for five years and has a degree from Michigan State University in Sports Turf Management. His resume includes working for the Home Depot Center, the Baltimore Orioles, and the Detroit Lions and his knowledge and expertise in the sports field industry will be a great asset to the department.



*Kevin painting for Cowboys Breast Cancer Awareness in previous season*

This new position involves supervisory, skilled, and manual work pertaining to the operation and maintenance of all sports fields on Parks property. He will plan and execute day-to-day operations of the Athletics crew, ensuring the work is performed within the framework of good turf management practices. We are proud to have him join our management team.

**Congratulations, Kevin!**

### **TENNIS COURT RENOVATIONS**

The tennis courts at Jim Warren Park will be closed this fall for complete renovations beginning Wednesday, September 5th and are expected to reopen on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Tennis lovers will be thrilled to find new fencing, resurfaced courts, new nets and new net posts! For more information, call the Parks office at 794-2103.



# ATHLETIC FIELDS RECEIVE NECESSARY YEARLY MAINTENANCE

Beginning in June, the Athletics division has been working on an important yearly



maintenance process: top-dressing all irrigated fields with sand. This process includes aerating and verticutting fields, removing all thatch, and then top-dressing with sand. Approximately 975 tons of sand will be added to the fields throughout the process, which should be completed in



September. In addition,

nearly 5 tons of crumb rubber material was placed in the middle and sidelines of several football fields.

## Senior Olympics

**Friday, August 24 – Saturday, August 25**  
*at Fieldstone Park*



The Parks Athletics Division recently held a Senior Olympics softball tournament at Fieldstone Park. Twenty-two teams played in this 2-day tournament with divisions ranging from 50-and-up through 75-and-up.



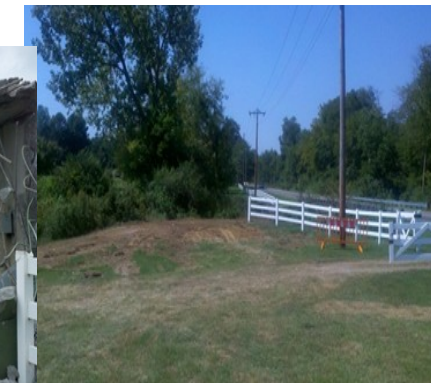
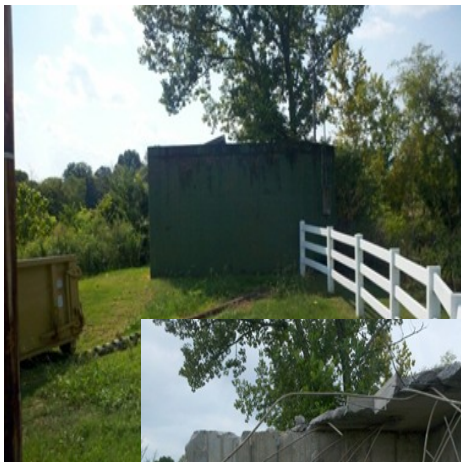


# TOOL TIME

News from the Facilities & Maintenance Divisions

## WATER DEPARTMENT LENDS A HELPING HAND

The Parks Department would like to send out a BIG “thank you!” to the Water Department for their help in two important projects. The 4-H Barn at Fort Granger was demolished in August in a team effort by the Parks and Water departments in order to make room for a road and new entrance into the park. This new entrance, to be completed by 2014, will come in from Eddie Lane.



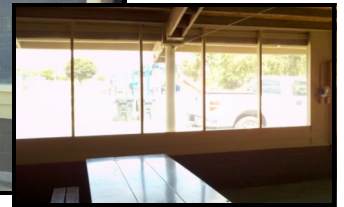
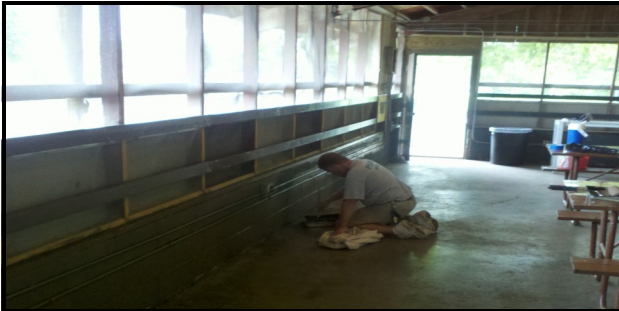
In addition, the Water Department helped out in the demolition of an irrigation pump house along Lewisburg Pike at Eastern Flank Battle Park. The ugly green box was the former pump house for the golf course and needed to be removed for a new entrance into the Battle Park.

The Water Department can bring their big toys out to play in our parks anytime!

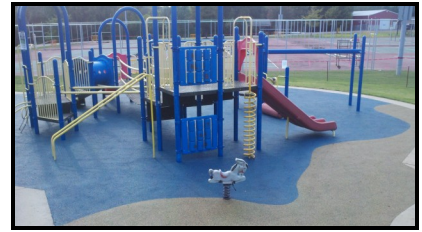
# JIM WARREN PAVILION RENOVATION



The pavilion at Jim Warren Park has received a much-needed face lift this summer. Staff replaced the dark, worn-out screens and repainted the building, inside and out. What a difference! Call and book our great pavilion for your next birthday party, family gathering, or church picnic!



## & PLAYGROUND RESURFACING



- The Playground at Jim Warren Park was given an upgrade in late August and early September 2012 by removing the old mulch style surface landing areas and replacing with a pour in place surface.
- This project was funded by a State of Tennessee LPRF Grant that was awarded to the City of Franklin Parks. The installation of the new surfacing was awarded to First Place Finish, Inc of Oak Ridge TN. The City of Franklin Parks Maintenance and Facilities Divisions removed all the old mulch from the playground. First Place Finish installed 7 ½ truck loads of rock to raise the foundation, installed a drainage system and then installed the poured in place surfacing. From start to finish this project took a total of 2 weeks.
- Part of the grant requirement was that this safety surface be HIC tested for compliance with the ASTM standards for playground rubber surfaces. The State office and their testing organization came out to do the testing after installation and the surface passed with flying colors. This safety surfacing makes the entire playground accessible.
- With the installation of this type of surface it really gives the playground a new look and also adds a more less maintenance free surface while giving excellent safety features.
- First Place Finish also will install several Shade Structures at Liberty Park Playground in the coming weeks as part of this grant.



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**Park Office Hours:**  
(M-F) 7AM -4PM



## See What's New

You can log onto our website to see all of our current events and happenings throughout the park system. Just log onto [www.franklinton.gov/parks](http://www.franklinton.gov/parks), and go to "What's Happening Now" in our Parks.

The City of Franklin Parks Department webpage is a great resource for you and your family to keep up to date with the programs and activities in the parks. Throughout the year, please call our Event Hotline at [615 550-6947](tel:6155506947) for the current month's activities. If you would like to send any questions and/or concerns to the Parks Department, you may do so by emailing [parksinfo@franklinton.gov](mailto:parksinfo@franklinton.gov) or by calling the administration office at [615 794-2103](tel:6157942103).

## *The Survey Says...*

We want to hear from you!  
Please take a very brief survey on the parks by going to [www.franklinton.gov/parkssurvey](http://www.franklinton.gov/parkssurvey). Your input will help us improve our parks!